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Claims 13-18, and 33-38 are in this application.

As a housekeeping matter please note the following: As originally filed, this application purported to include 33 claims. However there was no claim designated as "5" included with the original claims. Accordingly, claims originally numbered 6-33 have been renumbered 5-32 pursuant to the dictates of Rule 1.126. Note in this regard that this Rule applies with like force to the preliminary amendments dated August 19, 1999. Therefore claims designated as 14, 15 and 34-39 have been renumbered 13, 14 and 33-38 respectively.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

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